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PARIS FOR HELMAN

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SUBJ: U.S. SHIPPING PLANS FOR FOOD AID DELIVERIES TO THE
SAHEL COUNTRIES

REF: A. EC BRUSSELS 7390 (1973)

B. EC BRUSSELS 7242 (1973)

1. DURING DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN DON BROWN (DAA/AFR)
AND EC COMMISSION FOOD AID OFFICIALS ON DECEMBER 18
(REF A) THE COMMUNITY REQUESTED THAT THE U.S. MAKE
FOOD AID SHIPPING INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN ORDER TO
REDUCE TO A MINIMUM AFRICAN PORT CONGESTION AND THE
OVERLOADING OF OTHER INTERNAL TRANSPORTATION
FACILITIES CARRYING FOOD AID TO THE SAHEL COUNTRIES.
BROWN INDICATED THAT AID WAS DEVELOPING AN OUTLINE OF U.S.
SHIPPING PLANS AND PROMISED THAT IT WOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE
COMMISSION WHEN AVAILABLE.

2. THE EC COMMISSION FOOD AID PROGRAM FOR THE SAHEL
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REPORTED IN REF B HAS NOW BEEN APPROVED AND THE

COMMISSIO IS GRADUALLY CRANKING UP FOR DELIVERIES WHICH WILL PROBABLY BE CONCENTRATED IN MARCH, APRIL AND MAY. COMMISSION OFFICIALS, THIS WEEK, HAVE REPEATED THEIR EARLIER REQUEST FOR INFORMATION REGARDING U.S. SHIPPING PLANS, PARTICULARLY DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD.

3. WE PROMISED TO QUERY AID WASHINGTON. WE ALSO PROVIDED THE COMMISSION WITH THE MOST RECENT INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE MISSION ON U.S. SHIPMENTS, I.E., THAT CONTAINED IN STATE 608. THE DATA CONTAINED IN THAT CABLE WERE OBTAINED INDIRECTLY FROM AMEMBASSY PARIS AS USEC WAS NOT INCLUDED AS AN ADDRESSEE. THE MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT USEC BE INCLUDED AS AN ADDRESSEE ON ALL CABLE REPORTING THE STATUS OF U.S. COMMITMENTS AND SHIPMENTS TO WEST AFRICA AND THE SAHEL COUNTRIES.
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